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SUBJECT:TRADE STUDY GROUP - CHEMICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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1. BASED UPON INTERIM REPORT OF TSG SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS, WE BELIEVE THIS AREA HAS POTENTIAL FOR GENERIC TFC CASES (SEE REFTEL ON ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN TOXICOLOGICAL DATA FOR HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES). WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN CONSIDERING MOST APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP TO WORK OF TSG SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S JUDGMENT ON HOW BEST TO IDENTIFY AND PURSUE CHEMICAL NONTARIFF BARRIERS FOR TFC.

2. AS NOTED REFTEL PARA. 3-B, WE HAD HOPED THAT TRADE BARRIERS IDENTIFIED BY TSG SUBCOMMITTEES MIGHT BECOME FOCUS OF EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS TO WASHINGTON FOR TFC ACTION, PERHAPS EVEN BEFORE SUBMISSION OF FINAL REPORTS. WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER IN EMBASSY'S VIEW THE TSG
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CHEMICALS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT CONTAINS IDENTIFIABLE NTBS. WE DO NOT HAVE AT THE MOMENT A FULL COPY OF THE INTERIM REPORT NOR OF THE MITI RESPONSE.

3. NORMAN GLICK (USDOC) WILL BE ARRIVING TOKYO JULY 17

AND WILL CONSULT WITH EMBOFFS AND TSG CHEMICAL

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DETERMINE SUBSTANCE OF POSSIBLE
GENERIC NTB COMPLAINTS AND PROCEDURES FOR INDUSTRY-
GOVERNMENT COOPERATION IN FORMING TFC CASES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE SUGGEST EMBOFFS DISCUSS WITH US
INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS THEIR EVALUATION OF PROGRESS TO
DATE, THEIR JUDGMENT OF THE BEST DIRECTION TO TAKE FOR
THE FUTURE, AND THEIR INTEREST IN GENERIC TFC CASES
(PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS SO AS TO
RETAIN ANONYMITY OF SPECIFIC FIRMS). WE REQUEST THAT
EMBASSY FORWARD A FULLY COPY OF TSG CHEMICALS SUB-
COMMITTEE REPORTS (INCLUDING STATISTICAL EXHIBITS) AND
THE MITI RESPONSE, TOGETHER WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS.

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